

House Resolution No. 3356

Whereas, it is with special pleasure that the members of the Missouri House of Representatives pause to recognize an outstanding Missouri citizen who has brought great commitment and steadfast dedication to the teaching profession; and

Whereas, Don E. Buffington, an esteemed resident of Jefferson City, Missouri, will officially retire from School of the Osage on June 30, 2005, after a successful career in education that has spanned an incredible thirty-two years; and

Whereas, Don Buffington has played an integral role in the educational development of several Missouri youngsters as the boys physical education instructor, golf coach, and head boys basketball coach at School of the Osage, prior to which time he taught and coached at Blair Oaks High School and Hannibal LaGrange College; and

Whereas, during his impressive tenure, Don Buffington earned the Tri County Conference Coach of the Year award and won two district tournament championships in basketball, two state tournament qualifiers in golf, and the Tri County Conference Basketball Championship for the 2004-2005 season; and

Whereas, a graduate of the University of Missouri-Columbia who dutifully served his country in the United States Marine Corps during the Vietnam War, Don Buffington has compiled an enviable list of service to several important organizations which include the Missouri State High School Coaches Association and Concord Baptist Church; and

Whereas, Don Buffington has been abundantly blessed with the love and admiration of a wonderful family whose members include his devoted wife of thirty-seven years, Sharon; his three children, Jennifer, Jill, and Josh; and his four grandchildren and one on the way:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-third General Assembly, unanimously join in expressing our utmost appreciation to Don Buffington for his thirty-two years of unparalleled service to School of the Osage and to the teaching profession, and in wishing him the long, enjoyable retirement he so richly deserves; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Don E. Buffington.

Offered by _____
Representative Rodney Schad
District No. 115

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives,
Ninety-third General Assembly, First Regular Session, do
certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House
Resolution No. 3356, adopted May 13, 2005.

Rod Jetton, Speaker